

Agenda for Microcalorimeter Segment



Overview

R. Kelley

10 min

Microcalorimeter & Readout Progress at NIST

Kent Irwin

20 min

Microcalorimeter Progress at GSFC

Caroline Stahle

20 min

Microcalorimeter Progress at SAO

Eric Silver

20 min

Simulations of Bright X-Ray Sources with TES Microcalorimeters

Enectali Figueroa

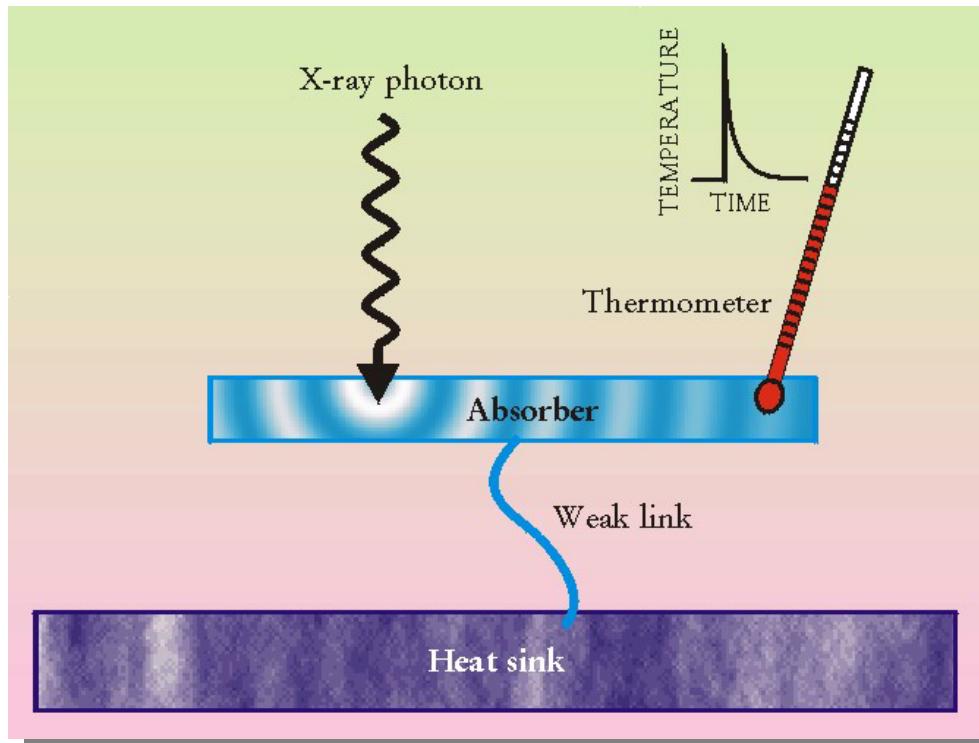
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Discussion

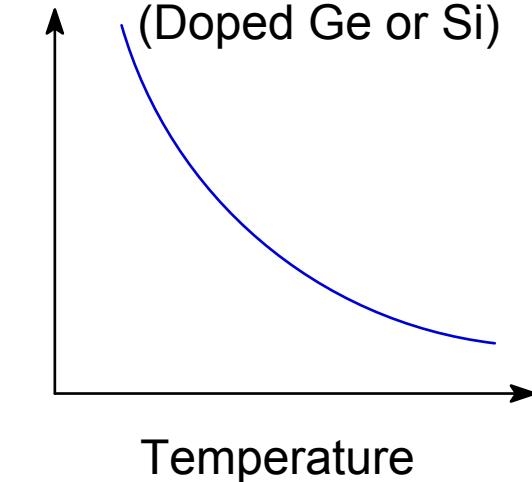
R. Kelley

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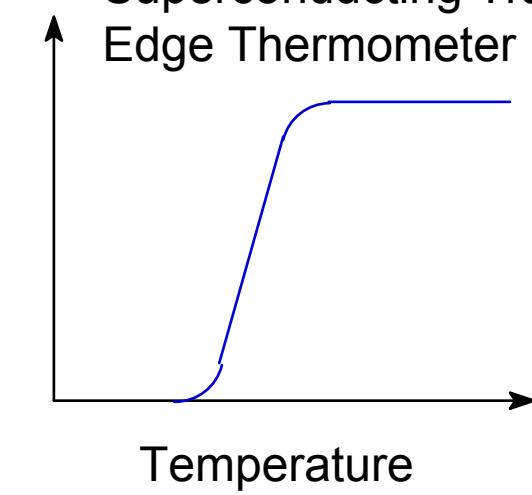
X-ray Microcalorimeter



Semiconductor Thermometer
(Doped Ge or Si)



Superconducting Transition Edge Thermometer





Overall Status as of Today

Energy Resolution

2.0 - 2.5 eV at 1.5 keV
4 - 6 eV at 6 keV

Array Size

Only single pixel *test results* thus far. (small arrays have been fabricated)

Counting rate

Pulse decay time constants of $\sim 300 \mu\text{sec}$

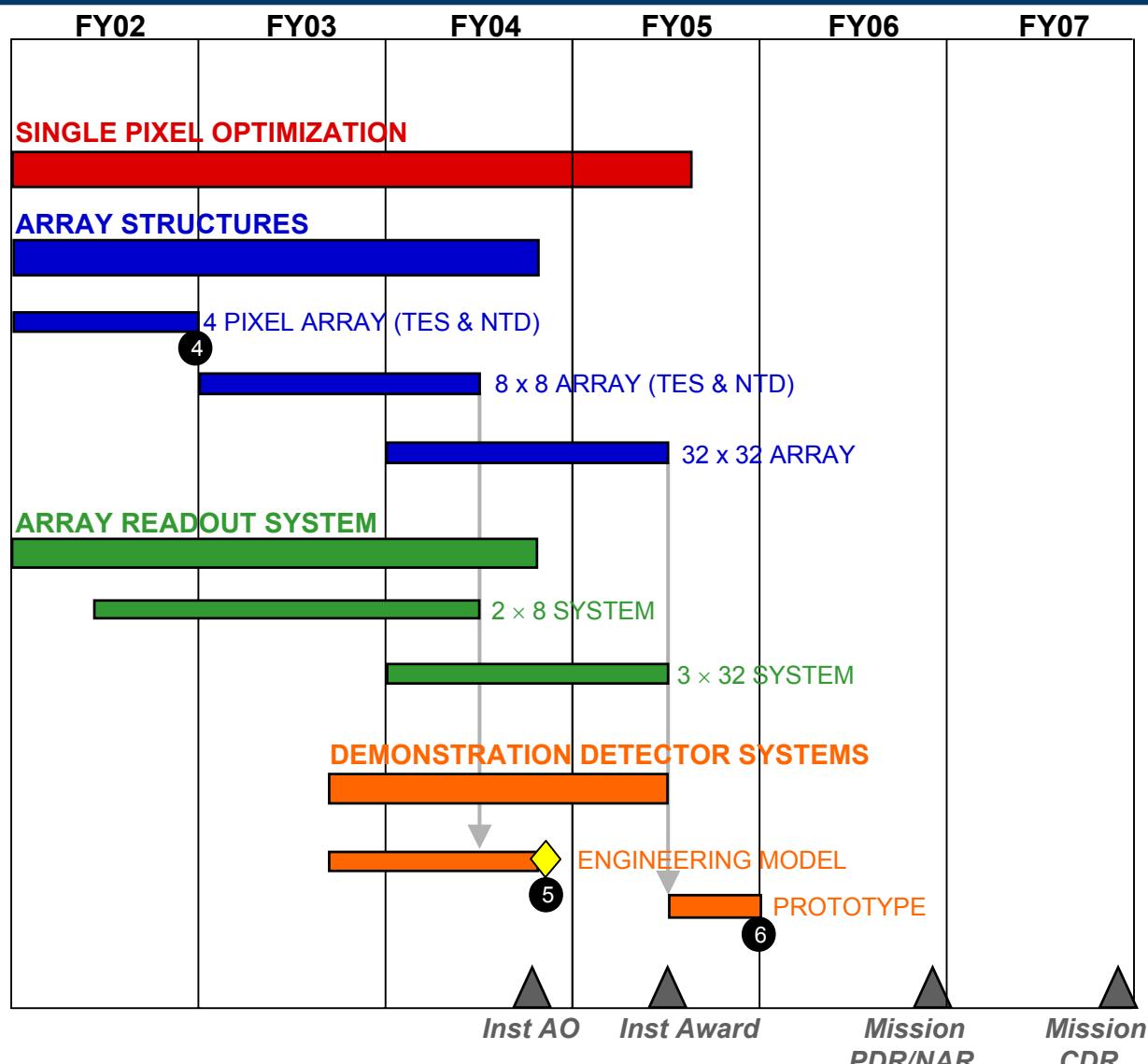
Readout Schemes

32 channel XRS system, analytical designs for larger JFET systems; MUX designs and functional systems for IR TES.

For TRL-6, we need to demonstrate

- 2 eV at 6 keV (and below) with high degree of pixel-pixel uniformity (how much?)
- Robust array scheme with high-yield process.
- Faster pulses ($< 300 \mu\text{sec}$)
- Large array readout schemes compatible with extended life mission.

X-ray Calorimeter Technology Roadmap



X-ray Calorimeter Critical Technology Milestone

- **Small X-ray Calorimeter Array Fabricated and Tested**
 - Pixel scale and quantum efficiency appropriate to Constellation-X baseline requirements.
 - Energy resolution of 2 eV at 1.5 keV and 4 eV or better at 6 keV, simultaneously in each pixel.



WORKSHOP ON TRANSITION EDGE SENSOR DEVICE PHYSICS

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Organized by Kent Irwin, Piet de Korte, et al.

Participants

New TES results from throughout the world

USA

- NIST
- GSFC
- U. Wisconsin
- California Institute of Technology
- Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- Santa Clara University, Stanford University

Europe

- SRON, University of Jyväskylä (Finland)
- University and INFN of Genoa, Italy

Japan

- ISAS and Tokyo Metropolitan University

Different thermometer materials, different thermometer geometries, different fabrication processes, different readout schemes. Open sharing of device designs, test results (good and bad), and fabrication issues.

Start Development of Anticoincidence Detector



Would like an effective anticoincidence detector that can be readily incorporated into the detector system.

- Semiconductor calorimeter \Rightarrow using JFETs \Rightarrow use Si ionization detector (Astro-E design).
- TES calorimeter \Rightarrow using SQUIDs \Rightarrow use TES detector attached to VERY large absorber. TES senses non-thermal ballistic phonon signal.
- Initiated 2 year study.
- PI: Blas Cabrara, Stanford University
- Lots of experience with this technology and the need for VERY low background rates for dark matter searches.
- Post doc to start work on this in the Fall.

